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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and of the

SENIOR SURVEYOR

and

SANITARY INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR, 1945

Edmund M. Lodge,
Acting Medical Officer of Health.

Thos. V. Gray,
Senior Surveyor & San. Inspector.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF, 1945

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH (Acting)

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SENIOR SURVEYOR, SANITARY INSPECTOR AND PETROLEUM SURVEYOR.

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Certified Sanitary Inspector (Royal Sanitary Institute)
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Chadwick Prize Essayist, 1943 (Chadwick Trust)
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Certified Sanitary Inspector (Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Joint Board)
Certified Inspector of Meat and other Foods (Royal Sanitary Institute)
National Certificate in Building (Institute of Builders and Board of Education).
Final Certificate (Town Planning Joint Examination Board).

WATERWORKS ATTENDANT AND INSPECTOR

B. WOOD.

SHORTHAND TYPIST

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JUNIOR ASSISTANT

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PETER YEADON from 18th June, 1945.

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W.K.RODWELL. A.M.I.C.E.

* Exchequer contributions to the salaries of these officers under the Local Government Act, 1933.

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year

1945.

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TO THE WETHERBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once again I have pleasure in presenting to you for your consideration, my Annual Report upon the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of your District for the year 1945, and I have been guided by the Ministry of Health Circular No.49/45 in preparing the report.

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres	64,424
Population, 1931 census	16,449
Civilian population, 1945 Registrar General's Estimate	19,460
Civilian population, 31st December, 1945, Nat.Reg.Office	19,540
Total houses, 1945 Rate Book	5,464
Inhabited houses 1931 census	4,239
Rateable value 31/3/46	£123,591
Product of 1d rate 31/3/46	£ 495. 18. 0.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The same remarks apply as stated in my report for 1942.

AREA POPULATION AND DWELLINGS OF INDIVIDUAL PARISHES AT END OF 1945

WETHERBY RURAL DISTRICT.

Township	Estimated Extent Acres	Population in 1931	No.of dwellings	Services*		
Angram	521	51	10	-	W	-
Bardsey-cum-Rigton	2752	796	406	S	W	C
Bickerton with Bilton	2299	357	88	-	W	-
Boston Spa	881	1433	670	S	W	C
Bramham-cum-Oglethorpe	4112	1042	303	S	W	C
Clifford	742	1110	279	S	W	C
Collingham (incl.part Linton)	2842	884	363	S	W	C
Deighton North	1457	106	25	-	W	C
Harewood (incl. Dunkeswick, Weardley Wigton & Wike)	6194	1161	341	** S	W	C
Hutton Wandesley	1233	88	28	-	W	-
Keswick East	1290	503	189	S	W	-
Kearby-with-Netherby	1422	146	45	-	W	-
Kirkby Overblow	2224	255	92	-	W	-
Kirk Deighton	2276	349	130	S	W	C
Long Marston	28[illegible]	254	71	-	W	-
Ribston Little		158	45	-	W	-
Rigton North		318	110	-	-	-
Scarcroft	[illegible]73	358	143	S	W	-
Sicklinghall	1495	235	65	-	W	C
Spofforth with Stockeld	5468	793	227	S	W	C
Thorner	2461	113	348	S	W	C
Thorparch	1529	428	93	S	W	C
Tockwith (Incl.Cowthe	3188	496	155	† S	W	-
Walton	1590	192	55	-	W	-
Weeton	1383	617	216	S	W	C
Wetherby (incl.Wicklethwaite and part Linton)	2460	2805	887	S	W	C
Wighill	2247	180	53	S	W	-
Wilstrop	1080	49	13	-	-	-
Wothersome	772	40	14	-	-	-
Totals	64424	16317	5464			

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED TABLE

* Services represented as follows:-
S. Public Sewers.
W. Public Water Supply.
C. Public Cleansing.

** Sewers only in Harewood & Wigton

† Sewers only in Tockwith.

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Public Health Officers The names and qualifications of the staff will be found at the commencement of this Report. The temporary Junior Assistant Peter Simmons left the service of the Council on the 19th April, 1945 when he joined H.M.Forces and he was replaced by Peter Yeadon who commenced duty on the 18th June, 1945.

It is with pleasure that I have to mention that the Deputy Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, Mr.J.Marriott, was invited to, and presented a paper on Rural Housing at the Conference of the Sanitary Inspectors Association held at the Central Hall, Westminster, in October, 1945.

WETHERBY RURAL DISTRICT.

AREA, POPULATION, DWELLINGS AND SERVICES OF INDIVIDUAL PARISHES IN THE ABOVE NAMED DISTRICT AT THE END OF 1945.

Township	Estimated Extent Acres.	Population 1931.	Population 1945 (Est.)	No. of Dwellings.	Services.
Angram	521	51	48	10	- W - *
Bardsey-cum-Rigton	2752	796	960	406	S W C
Bickerton with Bilton	2299	357	320	88	ø W - *
Boston Spa	881	1433	2000	670	S W C
Bramham-cum-Oglethorpe	4112	1042	1063	303	S W C
Clifford	742	1110	1140	279	S W C
Collingham (incl.part Linton)	2842	884	1044	363	S W C
Deighton North	1457	106	120	25	ø W C
**Harewood (including Dunkeswick, Weardley, Wigton and Wike)	8154	1161	1090	341	S W C
Hutton Wandesley	1233	88	116	28	ø W - *
Keswick East	1290	503	540	189	S W C
Kearby-with-Netherby	1422	146	116	45	ø W C
Kirkby Overblow	2224	255	240	92	ø W.C
Kirk Deighton	2276	349	380	130	S W C
Long Marston	2850	254	242	71	ø W - *
Ribston Little	858	158	143	45	ø W C
Rigton North	3058	318	300	110	ø ø C
Scarcroft	1073	358	518	143	S W C
Sicklinghall	1495	235	328	65	ø W C
Spofforth-with-Stockeld	5468	793	847	227	S W C
Thorner	2461	1113	1273	348	S W C
Thorp Arch	1529	428	460	93	S W C
+ Tockwith (incl.Cowthorpe)	3188	496	440	155	S W - *
Walton	1590	192	190	55	- W C
Weeton	1383	617	777	216	S W C
Wetherby (including Micklethwaite and part Linton)	2460	2805	4500	887	S W C
Wighill	2247	180	180	53	S W - *
Wilstrop	1080	49	55	13	- ø - *
Wothersome	772	40	30	14	- - - *
Totals	64424	16317	19460	5,464	

S denotes Public Sewers
W " Public Water Supply
C " Public Cleansing

* Public Cleansing to be introduced as soon as vehicles are obtainable.

ø Schemes approved by Ministry of Health or in course of preparation.

** Sewers in Harewood and Wigton only.

\+ Sewers in Tockwith only.

VITAL STATISTICS OF CIVILIAN POPULATION FOR 1945 (SUMMARY)

Registrar General's Figures.

BIRTHS		M.	F.	Total		Wetherby R.D.	England & Wales.
Live Births	Leg.	141	146	287			
	Illeg.	21	20	41	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated civilian population	16.83	16.1
Still Births	Leg.	1	3	4			
	Illeg.	1	1	2	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated civilian population	.31	.46
MORTALITY							
Deaths (All causes)		97	93	190	Crude death rate per 1,000 civilian popul--ation, areal comparibility factor discon--tinued owing to "fluid populations" and therefore a corrected death rate is unavailable.	9.76	11.4

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age - 10. Rate per thousand live births	30.49	46.00
Deaths from diarrhoea and enteritis under 2 years - 1. - do -	3.05	5.6

SPECIAL MORTALITY

Deaths from Puerpural and post abortion sepsis - 0. Deaths from other maternal causes - 1.
Deaths from cancer (all ages) - 21. Deaths from measles (all ages) 1.
Deaths from whooping cough (all ages) - 0. Deaths from diarrhoea (under 2) - 1.
Deaths from Diphtheria - 1.

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All Bacteriological Examinations are carried out by the West Riding County Council Public Health Laboratory, County Hall, Wakefield.

Ambulance facilities; Mortuaries; Nursing in the Home; Hospital Accommodation and Treatment

The details as outlined in my report for 1942 still apply but towards the end of the year it was reported that the new County Ambulance Service will operate in the District and that a sub-depot is to be established in Wetherby.

Infant Welfare

I have to reiterate that I consider that a real need exists for additional Child Welfare Centres within the District. The Centres already in the District as outlined in my report for 1944, still apply.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water, drainage and other matters of interest under this heading are dealt with by Mr.Gray, the Senior Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, in his report which follows, and I take this opportunity of thanking him for his co-operation.

SECTION D.

HOUSING

General Housing Statistics

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:-

(1)	(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health Act or Housing Act)	z	1356
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	z	1567
(2)	(a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-heading (1) above) which are inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations.	*	450
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	*	585
(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	+	1
(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not be to be in all resepcts fit for human habitation U.A.	+	23
	P.H.A.	+	991

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notice

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers:- U.A.	+	11
P.H.A.	+	906

z includes 450 houses inspected during Rural Housing Survey.
* Rural Housing Survey houses only
\+ Does not include houses inspected in Rural Housing Survey as these are not yet classified.

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year

(a) Proceedings under Section 9,10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs		-
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	Owners	1

(b) by Local Authority in default of owners -

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 49

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-

(a) by owners 16
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners -

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition orders were made -

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders -

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made -

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit. -

4. HOUSING ACTS, 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING

(a)	(I) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of year	11
	(II) Number of families dwelling therein	11
	(III) Number of persons dwelling therein	95
(b)	Number of new cases reported during the year	-
(c)	(I) Number of cases relieved during the year	-
	(II) Number of persons concerned in such cases	-

The main housing developments during 1945 are given in the Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector's Report.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

This subject is fully dealt with in Mr. Gray's report, which follows.

SECTION F.

PREVENTION OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Zymotic Disease.

Details of these cases are given in the following table.

ZYMOTIC DISEASES, 1945

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admit. to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	24	19	-
Diphtheria	12	11	1
Erysipelas	5	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Pneumonia	6	4	-
Measles	230	4	-
Whooping Cough	70	-	-
Malaria	1	-	-
Other diseases gen. notifiable			
Dysentery	2	-	-
Paratyphoid	2	2	-
Cerebro spinal fever	1	1	-
	353	41	1

ANALYSIS INTO AGE GROUPS

	Scarlet Fever		Diph.		Whoop Cough		Measles		Erysip-elas		Pneumonia		Para-typhoid		Dysen-tery	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilians																
0 -	-	-	-	-	8	4	4	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
1 -	-	2	-	-	11	8	24	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 -	1	2	1	1	10	3	38	26	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
5 -	6	3	1	2	9	13	42	43	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
10 -	2	2	1	-	2	1	9	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 -	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
25 -	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
45 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	10	12	3	4	40	30	119	107	3	2	3	2	2	-	1	1
Non Civilians																
15 -	1	1	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
25 & Over & Unknown	-	-	2	11	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	3	2	-	-	3	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

also 1 case cerebro-spinal fever (male in 25 group)
1 case malaria contracted abroad.

CIVILIANS T.B.

	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 -	-	-	3	4	-	-	-	-
15-	1	-	-	1	-	2	1	-
25-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-
35-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-
45-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65& upwards	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Services	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	4	3	6	2	2	2	-

No of cases on Register at year end - 94 civilian cases.

(a) Ratio of non-notified tuberculosis deaths to total notified T.B. Deaths - All notified
(b) Efficiency of notification of T.B. - satisfactory.
(c) Action taken for failure to notify - none
(d) Wilful neglect or refusal to notify - none
(e) Excessive incidence of, or mortality from T.B. in any particular occupation in the area - none

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Age groups of children for this purpose are approx:-

Under 5	(0-4 inclusive)	1450
5 - 15 years	do	2910

The total number of children immunised in the District during 1945 are:-

Under 5	115
5 - 15 years	28

CONCLUSION

I have to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their generous support, and also am grateful for the assistance and co-operation given by Mr.Gray and Mr.Marriott and the other officers and staff of your Council, without this support it would have been impossible to have carried out the large amount of work outlined herein.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

EDMUND H. LODGE.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

Council Offices,
WETHERBY.
1946.

TETHERBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

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SURVEYOR AND SANITARY INSPECTOR

for the year

1945.

Public Health Dept.,
Council Offices,
Tetherby.
January, 1946

TO THE TETHERBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL:-

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present for your information my 39th and final Annual Report as your Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, as I am due to retire on Superannuation on 31st March, 1946.

The outstanding feature of the year under revue is of course the cessation of hostilities in Europe and the Far East and with peace there has been an intensification of the duties falling upon your staff.

The special features of the year's work are, Housing, including the Rural Housing Survey, Sewage and Water Schemes, Town Planning, and the preparation of a Comprehensive Scheme for Public Cleansing over the whole District. These items will be dealt with in detail under the appropriate headings below.

I have to report with regret that in October, 1945 a Bomber Crash at Tockwith created the biggest incident due to wartime activities which has been experienced in this District throughout the whole of the War. The crash and subsequent fire entirely destroyed 9 houses; five others were very seriously damaged and 17 houses suffered damage to a greater or lesser degree. One Tockwith resident was killed as a result of the accident.

In the appendix to this Report will be found a brief summary of principal features of work carried out during the war years, which for security reasons could not be published earlier.

The Leeds proposals for extension as detailed in my last report have remained quiescent during 1945, but towards the end of the year Parliament issued the Local Government (Boundary Commission) Regulations, 1945. From perusal of this it appears that the Leeds County Borough's application will fall within the type of case which the Commission regard as having special priority and therefore further development may occur in the ensuing year.

TOWN PLANNING.

The inclusion of the Council within the Harrogate and District Planning Region from 1st April, 1945 has resulted in very satisfactory co-operation between the officers of that Committee and your Council and the procedure for the examination of deposited plans has been of great assistance to your Council.

115 Interim Development Applications have been referred to the Planning Committee and the decisions adopted by your Council have in every case followed the recommendations of the Planning Committee.

The proposals for the development of land at Fearnroft for offices for the Y.E.E. (mentioned in my last report) was considered and approved subject to conditions negotiated between the Planning Committee, Y your Council, and the Y.E.E.

BUILDING

1. New Houses. No new private dwellings have been completed during 1945, but at the year end there were 17 houses in course of erection of which six were Council houses; details of houses licensed by your Council in accordance with the new licensing procedure will be found under the appropriate heading below.

Table of Plans approved during 1945

Type of Building	No. of Plans approved	No. of Buildings
New houses	17	14
Conversion of houses	6	9
Farm buildings	10	11
Garages	12	12
Temporary buildings	11	11
Factories and workshops	2	2
Miscellaneous	10	11
Additions and alterations to houses	27	29
Council house - storesheds	17	17
Alterations to public halls	2	2
Drainage details	1	1
Layout plans	7	120
	117	239

At the end of the year there was under consideration six deposited plans and one application for the use of land.

Applications for the use of land and buildings were granted as follows:-

Extension to Residential School	Conditional on provision of satisfactory water, sewage and fire precautions.
Use of buildings as factories (two applications)	These were granted for a temporary period only and subject to the condition that no impediments be deposited on adjacent highways.
Use of shop as Builder's storeroom and Office	Approved subject to adjoining yard not being used as a builder's yard.

Use of land was in seven cases for houses and two cases for other purposes were approved subject to the submission of detailed plans at a later date.

35 of the plans approved were made subject to conditions and 11 temporary buildings were subject to the owner giving an undertaking to remove them on receipt of appropriate notice from the Council.

Plans rejected during the year are as follows:-

Type of Plan	Reason for Refusal
Two temporary bungalows	Injury to amenities of the area (one in a permanently restricted area).
Joiner's shop	Also injurious to the amenities of the area and site in a residential area.
Petrol filling station & garage	For highway reasons.
Nursery buildings	Injurious to amenities.
Pair of semi-detached houses	In rural zone and lack of public services.
Trailer as permanent dwelling	Unsatisfactory drainage and lack of public services.
Layout for six houses	Inadequate street widths, dangerous access to highway and inadequate plot sizes.

Type of Plan - cont.	Reason for Refusal
Reconditioning of dwelling	Will not comply with Byelaws.

2. Council Houses Much work has been carried out during the year in the selection, approval and acquisition of sites for Council Houses and preparatory work for the erection of new houses.

Your Council engaged Messrs. Jones & Stocks to prepare plans for the erection of 30 houses on five sites and Mr.G.A.Burnett for the erection of 34 houses on five sites.

At the year end your Council owned or were negotiating for the purchase of 18 sites of a total acreage of 41.12 acres, sufficient to erect 352 houses and contracts have been let for the erection of 24 houses (six each in the Parishes of Boston Spa, Bramham, Clifford and Thorner) at an approximate cost of £1,010 each. Work on the erection of six of these houses commenced on the 10th December at Boston Spa.

During the year your Council decided to erect 30 temporary houses at Wetherby and 20 at Bramham but towards the year end this decision was rescinded and the Ministry of Health consented to the erection of permanent houses in lieu of the temporary houses.

3. Slum Clearance The details supplied in my report for 1943 remain unaltered, but during the year action has been taken under the Housing Act in respect of one house at Kirk Deighton, and as the owner gave an undertaking not to re-let the house without the consent of the Council no further action was taken. 11 houses have been demolished or converted to other use during the year, as follows:-

1 voluntarily demolished at Wilstrop.
3 converted voluntarily to other use at Wetherby.
7 destroyed in a bomber crash at Tockwith.

4. Overcrowding It has not been possible to have any action under this heading during the year.

5. Reconditioning 11 houses have been fully reconditioned in accordance with the code of fitness prescribed by the West Riding Rural Housing Joint Advisory Committee. At the year end work was in hand on the reconditioning of a further 12 houses.

6. Housing Defects Remedied

	Housing Act.	P.Health Act.
No. of houses dealt with	11	906
No. of houses made into through houses	3	-
No. of obstructive buildings demolished	2	2
No. of land lowered to below floor level	4	-
No. of yards repaired or paved	11	67
No. of W.C. converted, repaired and insuff.	11	184
No. of drainage repaired or renewed	6	29
No. of new sinks provided	10	75
No. of improved water supplies	1	46
No. of roofs repaired	8	92
No. of walls pointed and repaired	8	59
No. of floors renewed or repaired	8	28
No. of dampness remedied	10	46
No. of increased lighting required & prov.	8	5
No. of improved ventilation	8	2
No. of new food stores	6	-
No. of food stores repaired	2	16
No. of miscellaneous defects	11	287

7. Rural Housing Survey Progress has been made under this heading but not so much as was originally hoped. All the houses in the parishes of Angram, Sutton Sandaley, Long Marston, Wilstrop, Bilton, North Rigton, Little Ribston, North Deighton, Micklinghall and Spofforth have been inspected and a good proportion of the houses in Tockwith. In all a total of 871 houses have now been fully inspected and 277 record cards have been completed.

14 schedules of defects have been issued to owners during the year.

8. Control of Civil Building Licences under Defence Regulation 56a and Ministry of Health Circular 118/45. Under the Defence Regulations the duty of issuing Building Licences for work costing £10 but not more than £100 was placed on the Council from 1st August, 1945 and expiring on the 31st January, 1946, and at a later date the Ministry of Health authorised your Council to issue Licences for the erection of small houses by private builders of a size ranging from 800 to 1,000 square feet and subject to an over-riding maximum cost of £1,200.

These additional duties, together with the issue of Certificates of Essentiality under Ministry of Health Circular 2871 has resulted in a very great increase of work in my Department. The following is a summary of Building Licences issued:-

Building Licences	No.	Houses	Value in £.
Maintenance Licences	7	788	28250
New Houses	8	9	9135
Housing	175	201	9541
Other Buildings	53	-	3027
Refused	13	9	435
Referred to Min. of Works	9	7	3091

9. Certificates of Essentiality The following Certificates of Essentiality have been issued:-

	1945 only No. of hse	Cost £	Accumulated total No. of hses	Cost £
issued				
Repairs	36	7823	86	12944
Conversion	7	2478	12	4157
	43	10301	98	17101
executed				
Repairs	27	4615	64	6831
Conversions	9	2828	12	4157
	36	7443	76	10988

10. Summary of Work under Housing Act, 1936

i. Inspections

a.	Total houses inspected (U.D. and R.D.)	1356
b.	" No. of inspections on housing work (U.D. and R.D.)	1567
c.	" No. of houses inspected under Rural Housing Survey	450
d.	" No. of houses recorded under Rural Housing Survey	120
e.	" No. of houses inspected under Housing Survey still to record	600

ii. Remedy of Defects

a. Houses reconditioned under Housing Act	11
b. Houses repaired under Public Health Act	906
c. Informal notices served, but work not commenced	83
d. Houses with work in hand at year end (Housing Act)	12

iii. Slum Clearance

a. Houses demolished (Demolition Order)	-
b. - do - (voluntarily)	11
c. Vacant houses awaiting demolition (Demolition Order)	20
d. Occupied dwellings subject to demolition Orders	2

iv. Overcrowding.

a. Houses measured for permitted numbers	450
b. Houses measured for amended permitted numbers	11
c. Rent books inspected	450
d. Buildings overcrowded at year end	11
No. of families therein	11
No. of inhabitants therein	95
e. Cases of overcrowding abated during 1945	-
f. New cases of overcrowding during 1945	-

ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES

The table appended to this report gives the outline of the numbers of the various types of nuisances dealt with:-

Nuisances outstanding at the end of 1944		231
Nuisances found during 1945		1786
	Total	2017
Nuisances abated during 1945		1722
Outstanding nuisances 31.12.45		295

Letters and informal notices served number 3626
Legal Notices issued are as follows:-

	Served	Complied with
Public Health Act, 1936.		
Section 39 (Drainage)	1	1
Section 47 (Privy Conversions)	10	-
Section 75 (Dustbins)	12	1
Section 93 (Nuisances)	8	16
Section 138 (Water Supply)	18	-
Town Planning		
Approval conditions or refusals	46	46
Factory Act, 1937	1	1
Food and Drugs Act, 1938	4	-
Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919	1	1

HOUSE DRAINAGE AND SANITARY CONVENIENCES

There are now 4,250 houses connected to public sewers or 78% of the total houses in your District.

1. Sewer connections. The following list shows the number of houses now connected to the Joint Scheme.

Parish	No. of houses
Bardsey	347
Collingham	335
East Keswick	166
Kirk Deighton	115 and hostel
Scarcroft	89
Wetherby	849 and 2 hostels
Total	1901 and 3 hostels

The census average of 3.69 persons per house gives an estimated number of 7,028 persons served by this scheme, but this number is much greater, and an estimated figure of over 10,000 persons is of greater accuracy. It is therefore obvious that the Joint Disposal Works are working to maximum capacity. Two premises have been connected to the Joint Scheme during the year.

2. Drainage. There have been 141 new drains constructed in connection with repairs, conversions and alterations, and 43 inspection chambers constructed during the year. 298 stopped drains have been cleansed, 7 defective septic tanks have been reconditioned, 7 new septic tanks provided, and 11 cases of stream pollution abated. 24 defective drains were repaired and 13 houses entirely redrained.

3. Sanitary Conveniences. The following work has been completed:-

P.M. to W.C.	33
P.C. to W.C.	7
Additional W.C.s	17
	57

In addition 6 privy middens have been converted to pail closets and 128 dilapidated conveniences repaired.

Of the privy conversions mentioned above none were carried out as a result of Statutory Notices under Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936. 12 Statutory Notices for privy conversions and one xxxy for an additional W.C. are still outstanding.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

360 inspections of sewage disposal works have been made and greater supervision is being constantly required. The difficulties of securing satisfactory sewage effluent and disposal of sludge are acute and labour difficulties aggravate the problem.

In April the Ministry of Health held a local Inquiry conducted by A. Pollock A.M.I.C.E. into loan sanction for the borrowing of £13,577 for the proposed Sewage Scheme at Long Marston and Hutton Wandesley. The Council's application subject to the modification of certain engineering details was approved in May but the grant if any to be made under the Rural Water Supply and Sewage Act, 1944 has not been stated.

At the close of the year, notification was received that the Ministry of Health Inquiry into the Crimple Beck Sewerage Scheme would be held on the 4th January, 1946.

A considerable amount of time has been devoted to the preparation of evidence for these inquiries and into the preparatory work with the Consulting Engineer in formulating the Schemes.

During the year your Council decided to prepare a Scheme for the drainage of the Blaid Hill Area into the Leeds City Sewers.

WATER SUPPLIES

1. Public Water Supplies

140 inspections have been made in connection with Public Water Supplies during 1945 and a considerable amount of work has been carried out, as recorded below.

a. Tetherby R.D.C. Your Council in view of the lowering of the rest level of water at Micklinghall Water Works obtained a geological report on water potentialities in the Micklinghall Area and as a result of this an application was made to, and approved by the Minister of Health, for the sinking of a new 12" diameter borehole to replace the defective No.2. Borehole at Micklinghall. The contract for this work has been entered into with Messrs J.T.Myers and it is anticipated that the work will be carried out in the coming Spring. Your Council have also given consideration to water supplies in the parish of Wilstrop, the Highill Park Area of the parishes of Bilton and Highill, and the Crimple Beck extension at Spofforth, and negotiations with the War Agricultural Committee in respect of these areas, were in progress at the close of the year.

b. The parish of North Rigton continues to cause considerable anxiety from a water supply point of view as many farms are almost without water during the summer months. Negotiations were resumed with the Water Co. at the close of the year with a view to the Council being given freedom to carry out a water supply scheme for the parish.

b. Tetherby District Water Co.

Again much anxiety has been caused by the difficulties of this Company to maintain supplies in the high levels of the District. Several meetings have taken place with the Water Company and a deputation from this Council was received at the Ministry of Health relative to the

water supply position in this Company's area. The deputation was given a careful hearing by the Ministry representative and certain advice was given to the Council which in view of the new legislation contained in the Water Act, 1945 has altered the relationship between the Council and other water supply undertakers in the District. As the matter is under careful consideration by your Council at the year end it is not desirable to report further at the moment on this matter.

In order to aleviate somewhat thedifficulties of supply the Water Company have taken a supply of water from the mains of the Ministry of Supply to supplement the water supply to Boston Spa, Bramhas and Clifford and to Kirk Deighton, North Deighton and Little Ribston. This has resulted in considerably improved pressure but the hardness of the water has caused many complaints.

c. Lascelles Estate Company)
d. Leeds Corporation) The supply of these Undertakers has been found satisfactory during the year

I have to report that the Lascelles Estate Company have provided a new storage reservoir at Stunks in order to obviate certain difficulties to augment the supply by including additional spring water.

e. Harrogate Corporation

One doubtful bacteriological sample of water was taken from the Kirkby Overblow Supply but at a later date the Harrogate Corporation notified the Council that Kirkby Overblow is to be supplied direct from the Harrogate mains and the Walton Head boreholes are no longer to be used.

The following table shows in detail the water supply to the District:-

WATER SUPPLIES

UNDERTAKERS	PARISH	No. of houses in area of supply						No. of houses supplied					
		1901	1911	1921	1931	1941	1945	1901	1911	1921	1931	1941	1945
WETHERBY DIST.	Bardsey	63	69	70	235	406	406	4	35	42	196	375	396
WATER COMPANY.	# Boston Spa	339	347	346	398	539	690	116	297	308	374	536	681
	Bramham	165	233	237	270	303	303	-	106	139	184	207	207
	Clifford	225	187	189	227	297	297	-	74	140	199	257	257
	Collingham (enlarged	83	125	144	176	364	363	64	97	111	156	352	360
	Deighton N. 1937)	25	23	21	21	25	25	-	-	-	4	19	23
	* Harewood (Brandon)	10	10	10	11	11	11	-	-	-	-	11	11
	Kearick West	101	122	126	154	189	189	-	93	93	124	177	187
	Kirk Deighton	75	79	73	88	130	130	-	14	54	67	107	100
	Linton) abolished	35	35	44	106	-	-	13	25	33	97	-	-
	Micklethwaite) 1937	17	16	17	16	-	-	-	-	12	14	-	-
	Ribston Little	-	-	-	-	45	45	-	-	-	-	4	16
	Scarcroft	56	65	67	109	143	143	-	18	37	60	120	119
	Thomer	215	229	254	298	348	348	-	109	147	230	299	290
	o Thorparch	61	70	62	65	93	93	3	30	51	51	80	78
	Walton	39	40	42	45	55	55	-	29	32	42	54	50
	x Wetherby (enlarged 1937)	463	503	515	632	888	887	237	339	397	603	870	884
		1972	2188	2217	2850	3815	3967	437	1266	1956	2411	3446	3639
WETHERBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL	@ Aberford	10	10	10	10	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
	Bilton with Harewood	71	72	76	81	88	88	-	-	-	-	62	66
	x Bilton Sandaeley	19	22	21	21	24	28	-	-	-	-	13	22
	* Harewood (Wike)	29	29	29	29	27	27	-	-	-	-	23	24
	Kearby with Netherby	36	40	37	45	45	45	-	-	-	-	31	36
	+ Kirkby Overblow	66	75	78	96	92	-	-	?	36	88	74	-
	Long Marston	61	61	58	66	72	71	-	-	-	-	41	53
	Clotherholme	52	49	54	59	64	65	-	-	-	-	41	46
	xx Spofforth	172	186	180	203	231	227	-	-	-	-	167	177
	* Tockwith	152	147	138	138	161	155	-	-	-	-	87	90
	xx Wighill	40	40	40	43	53	53	-	-	-	-	44	46
		698	721	705	781	857	769	-	7	36	88	583	570

WATER SUPPLIES (Continued)

Undertakers	Parish	No. of houses in area of supply 1901	1911	1921	1931	1941	1945	No. of houses supplied. 1901	1911	1921	1931	1941	1945
[illegible]	North Elgton (part)	-	6	6	6	6	6	-	-	6	6	6	6
[illegible]	*Harewood (Elgton)	34	40	54	58	89	89	-	-	34	43	59	59
	Weeton	99	117	130	185	216	218	-	94	109	177	218	218
		133	163	190	249	311	313	-	94	149	226	283	283
LAUCHLEY RURAL DISTRICT	*Harewood (excl. Elgton & Wike)	169	193	170	167	216	216	-	101	101	101	176	178
ELMSHIRE RURAL DISTRICT	+Kirby Overblow	-	-	-	-	-	92	-	-	-	-	-	81
	xxHopperth	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	13
	Elgton	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
	Total for area of supply	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	95
TOTALS OF ALL UNDERTAKERS		2972	3265	3282	4047	5199	5365	437	1468	2242	2825	4550	4765

s Parish of Sutton Sandcoley, 1 house supplied by private mains supply (E.C.F.)
ss Parish of Highill, 1 house supplied by private mains supply (E.C.F.)
W Parish of Ingrom, whole parish supplied by private mains supply (E.C.F.)
x Parish of Hetherby, 2 premises supplied by private mains supply (E.C.F.)
Parish of Bentan Fee, 139 premises supplied by private mains supply (E.C.F.)
* Parish of Harewood, 89 houses supplied by private mains supply (E.C.F.)
+ Parish of Kirby Overblow, transferred from Hetherby R.D.C. 1945.
≠ Excluding one house supplied by Riddersdale R.D.C.
* Parish of Harewood, supplied by four undertakers

x Parish of Hopperth supplied by two undertakers

	1901	1911	1921	1931	1941	1945
Complete figures for parish	341	341	141	135	145	269	270
Complete figures for parish	-	327	-	-	-	-	177

6. Private Water Supplies

The following samples of water have been collected during the year:-

	Good	Suspicious	Polluted	Total
Chemical	1	-	-	1
Bacteriological	20	1	30	51
				52

Nine houses were provided with a pure supply of water in lieu of polluted supplies, eight houses with an inadequate supply of water were provided with a satisfactory supply, and seventy-one defective pumps and water fittings repaired.

Visits to Moveable Dwellings

Once again, due to pressure of other work, it has only been possible to make 90 inspections of camping sites. There are now 16 licensed sites in the district, but the problem of the moveable dwellings is still acute and will need greater supervision when time can be spared.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Inspections

Slaughter-houses	14	60
Butcher's shops and meat rooms	28	45
Knackers' yards	2	28
Emergency slaughter	-	9
Bakehouses	15	41
Food preparing rooms	21	29
Markets.	1	15

2. Food Condemned

The following unfit food was inspected and condemned:-

1 Pollock	-	Generalised T.B.	416 lbs
Diced Meat	-	Decomposition	245 "
1 pig	-	Generalised T.B.	180 "
Fish fillets	-	Decomposition	490 "
Oranges	-	Mouldy	651 "
Butter	-	Damaged by fire	100 "
	-	Contaminated by disinfectant	½ "
Margarine	-	- do -	1 "
	-	Mouldy and rancid	28 "
Ham	-	Decomposition	20 "
Bacon	-	- do -	132 "
Dried egg	-	Mouldy	42 "
Cheese	-	do	5 "
Mars Bars (Chocolate)		Contaminated by disinfectant	¼ "
Liquorice	-	Mouldy	2 "
Tinned Goods:-			
Preserve	-	Blown or Damaged 6 "	6 "
Fish	-	do 8 "	7½ "
Meat	-	do 91 "	548½ "
Milk	-	do 61 "	90 "
Vegetables		do 27 "	27½ "
			2752 "

98 food inspections were made and there were 9 inspections of animals slaughtered for emergency reasons, as follows:-

Cows	Bull	Bullocks	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
2	-	1	-	1	5

3. Milk Supplies

743 cowshed inspections and 430 inspections of dairies have been made during the year. This is a reduction on previous years but has been inevitable due to the large increase of urgent work in other directions.

The appointed day for the transfer of functions of Local Authorities relative to Milk Production to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries has not yet been announced and it is necessary to give considerable time to this subject in order to maintain satisfactory milk production.

Three defective cowsheds have been repaired and of these two have been fully reconditioned; five dairies have been repaired and two new dairies have been provided.

86 cases of dirty cowsheds, dairies, milk stools etc. have been dealt with and three Statutory Notices for repairs have been issued during the year.

The schedule given in my last report of milk producing and distributing premises in the District still applies with the following amendment:-

Producers of T.T. Milk	-	18
" Accred. "	-	35

4. Food and Drugs (Food and Drugs Act, 1938)

W. T. F. Potts, County Medical Officer of Health for the West Riding County Council, has kindly supplied the following details of food collected and analysed for adulteration under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938:-

	General	Adulterated
Milk	48	9*
Drugs	3	-
Other foods	15	-
	66	9

* cautions issued.

5. General

Other food producing and distributing premises within the district were inspected during the year at regular intervals, this includes regular inspection of bakehouses, one new bakehouse has been erected, two bakehouses required limewashing and this has been done and one other defect was found.

REGISTER OF WORK PLACES

The following premises were on the register at the end of the year:-

79 factories with mechanical power
184 factories without mechanical power
16 other controlled premises.

Inspections during the year have been made 199, 980 and 99 inspections respectively. Matters dealt with as a result of these inspections were:-

Lack of Sanitary Conveniences	2

	c/f	2
Dirty premises and/or Sanitary Conven.		5
Defective Sanitary Conveniences		1
Fire Escapes		2
		10

During the year Setherby Mill (Fire Lighter Factory) was destroyed by fire and there was one fatality. I attended the subsequent inquest on behalf of the Council.

2. Shops (Shops Act, 1934).

55 shops inspections have been made, and 1 contravention of the Act has been dealt with.

3. Offices (Public Health Act, 1936)

No official visits have been made during the year.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The general incidence of infectious disease in the district has again been small and full details are to be found in the Medical Officer's Report.

30 visits have been made in connection with infectious disease and 42 houses have been disinfected.

PUBLIC LAVATORIES

The income of these lavatories during 1945 (financial year ending 31st March, 1946) has been £52.0.1d. and the expenditure has been £82.10.5d.

The greatly increased use of the premises has been considered on several occasions by the Public Health Committee and as a result of instructions in September last, outline schemes were submitted to the Council for:-

A. The improvement and extension of the existing conveniences
B. The conversion of a public air raid shelter into public conveniences.

CIVIL DEFENCE

As a result of the end of hostilities, work under this heading has been considerably reduced but there still remains work in connection with disposal and demolition of air raid shelters, de-requisitioning, and disposal of equipment.

RODENT CONTROL Rats and Mice Destruction Act, 1919; Infestation Order 1943 Ministry of Food.

The second and third sewer treatments have been completed and it is hoped that the small infestation found will not reoccur. The Public Cleansing Tips continue to be serviced by the War Agricultural Executive Committee staff.

103 inspections have been made in connection with general rodent control work (excluding sewers and tips) and 13 infestations in private premises have been dealt with, only one case is outstanding at the year end. With pressure of other urgent work it is impossible to give the time necessary to do all one would desire under this heading.

PUBLIC CLEANSING AND SALVAGE OF WASTE MATERIALS

In May your Public Health Committee gave consideration to a very detailed report prepared jointly by myself and my Deputy which outlined a practicable scheme for the cleansing of the whole District. The scheme envisaged the employment of 4 Refuse Vehicles and 15 workmen and would cost £5218 per annum or 19/- per house per annum. The annual cleansing rate would be 10.5 pence. The Council decided to defer consideration of the scheme until labour and vehicles were more plentiful, but towards the end of the year they ordered a further refuse vehicle as a stage towards the implimenting of the full scheme.

As a result of the death of the Boston Spa horse and the absence of a tender for cleansing in Spofforth, your Council obtained a driver for the Fordwell Refuse Vehicle and it commenced work in July and is responsible for the cleansing of Thorparch, Boston Spa and Spofforth with periodic attention to cleansing in North Deighton and Dicklinghall.

Details of Public Cleansing are given in the table on page 11.a

Salvage income has again declined and so far as this District is concerned the position has arrived where income only just balances expenditure. Details of Salvage collected and sold are given in the table on Page 11.b

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I have to express my gratitude to the Chairman, Members, Officers and Staff of the Council, to my Deputy, and to the officials of the East Riding County Council and other public authorities, for their generous assistance.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

[illegible]. F. Gill.

PUBLIC HEALTH

to 31st March, 1946

Parishes (no.of)	No.of Houses	No.of Acres	Refuse removed, 1945 Cub. yards.	Total Cost	Cost per house
14	4353	38100	20,164	£3863.18.0.	17/9d.

SALVAGE COLLECTED & SOLD
1945

Material	W.M.B.C. Weight	W.M.B.C. Amount	Other Sources Weight	Other Sources Amount	Total Weight	Total Amount
	T. c. q.	£. s. d.	T. c. q.	£. s. d.	T. c. q.	£. s. d.
Waste Paper	77.14. 0.	530. 4. 2½	2. 0. 0.	15.15. 0.	79.14. 0.	542.19.2½
Ferrous metal	1. 0. 0.	2. 5. 0.	—	—	1. 0. 0.	2. 5. 0.
Rags	1. 3. 0.	10.10. 0.	3. 0.	2. 0. 0.	1. 6. 0.	12.10. 0.
Manure	0. 0. 0.	3.10. 0.	—	—	0. 0. 0.	3.10.0.
Bones	12. 0.	1. 8. 3.	6. 0.	15. 0.	18. 0.	2. 3.3.
Bottles & Jars	2.10. 0.	24. 7. 1.	—	—	2.10. 0.	24. 7.1.
Sundries	1. 4. 0.	4. 0. 0.	—	—	1. 4. 0.	4. 0.0.
	92. 1. 0.	576. 4. 6½	2. 9. 0.	15.10. 0.	94.12. 0.	591.14.6½

= £29.11.8½. per 1,000 population.
= 7.1 pence per head
= £/11 per house.

Total value of salvage sold since inception of scheme :-

Tetbury U.D.C.	5193. 6. 10½
Other sources	1460. 8. 1½.
	6658.15. 6½.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The tabular statement of the Sanitary Inspector under Article 27 of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935, is as follows:-

Summary of nuisances, notices and inspections for year ended 31st December, 1945

	No. at premises found	No. abated
HOUSING LEGISLATION		
Dirty and/or verminous	1	1
Overcrowding	53	57
Defective drains	35	35
Insufficiently lighted and/or ventilated	23	23
Dilapidated sanitary conveniences	133	130
P.C. to W.C.	45	33
P.C. to W.C.	7	7
New additional W.C.'s	18	17
P.C. to P.C.		6
New pail closet required		1
Untrapped and/or defective sinks	86	85
Defective dustbins	241	248
Dry middens abolished	27	15
Temporarily stopped drains	293	298
Unsatisfactory sewage disposal	20	16
Drainage discharging into streams	15	11
Unsatisfactory purity of water supply	21	19
Without piped supply of water	2	-
Inadequate water supply	4	8
Defective wells, pumps, water fittings etc.	71	71
Wells abolished		2
Defective yard paving	78	78
General housing dilapidations (roof, walls, spouts F.F.P. floors, ceilings, etc.)	548	548
Miscellaneous house nuisances	30	21
Bath installed		28
Hot water installed.		
GENERAL NUISANCES		
Offensive accumulations and keeping of animals	1	1
Defective farm buildings (cowsheds, etc.)	14	15
Factory nuisances	13	11
Dirty cowsheds, milking stools, etc.	14	16
Rivers and stream pollution	3	2
New drains in connection, alteration etc.		141
New sewer connections		4
New I.C. and D.O.		43
Defective I.C.'s	14	3
Cess-pools, septic tanks defective	6	7
Blocked sewers	24	20
Rodent infestations	15	14
Miscellaneous general nuisances	1	5
SUMMARIES AND NOTICES		
Total No. of nuisances found during 1945		1706
No. of outstanding nuisances from 1944		31
No. of nuisances abated		1722
No. of nuisances 31.12.45 oustanding		275
Letters and informal notices issued		3626
Legal Notices issued		101
Legal Proceedings		-

Premises for infectious disease enquiries	
Houses disinfected	42
Schools Disinfected	-
Premises disinfected	-
Nuisances general	
Schools	
Nuisances, housing	
Buildings in course of erection	
Housing Acts	
Essentiality Certificates	
Building Licences	
Town Planning	
Work for Housing and Sewerage	
Cowsheds	
Dairies	
Slaughter Houses	
Emergency Slaughters	
Food Inspections	
Smokers yards	
Shops Acts	
Butchers Shops	
Food Rooms	
Camping grounds	
Markets	
Factories with mechanical power	
Other factory premises	
Bakehouses	
Public Cleansing	
Civil Defence (Depot, Petrol Supply)	
Salvage	
Waterworks	
Factories without Mechanical power	
Sewage Works	
Rodent Control	

APPENDIX TO ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1945

Wartime 1939-45 Summary Report

Social conditions of the area during the war years

The conditions of the district were radically altered due to the fact that in 1940 a proposal was received to erect a Royal Ordnance Factory on 740 acres in the Parishes of Thorparch, Walton and Highill. Your Council objected to this proposal on the grounds that some of the best agricultural land in the County was being sterilised for food production and that other sites, certain of which were suggested to the Government were equally suitable. Your Council's protests were not accepted, and the erection of the factory, at a stated cost of £12,000,000 was proceeded with.

In connection with the erection of the factory, there was a large influx of building trade workers in the district, and most houses in the nearby parishes were required under emergency billeting legislation to accommodate these men. When the factory was completed it was necessary to erect accommodation forthe workers and proposals were received to erect five hostels of which two were erected in Wetherby, one adjacent to the York Road, and one off Hallfield Lane. One further hostel near the Race Course on the Walton Road was subsequently abandoned.

At Thorparch21 houses and at Boston Spa 150 bungalows were erected to accommodate 670 persons and opposite this site at Moor End a hostel was commenced but subsequently taken over by the R.A.F. for a Constructional Company.

The York Road hostel at Wetherby on completion was comandeered by the Admiralty and converted into a training establishment under the name of H.M.S.Cabot. The hostels, incidentely, were designed to accommodate 1,000 persons each, and are complete with dining halls, recreation rooms, etc. The R.O.F.Factory being converted to a disposal factory the Ministry of Supply Hostel at Wetherby was closed and at the year end was being taken over by the Admiralty for a further Naval Station.

The Evacuation Scheme in the early days of the war also considerably altered the whole outlook of the district, and a total of over 5,000 expectant mothers, unaccompanied children and accompanied children were accommodated in our district. In connection with this, certain premises were requisitioned for evacuation purposes in various parts of the District. The parishes of Harewood, Thorner and Scarcroft were excluded from the reception area.

In 1940 a Holding Battalion of 4 regiments, the Green Howards, Duke of Wellingtons, West Yorks and K.O.Y.L.I. was established in Wetherby, and all the larger buildings, including the Race-Course, Town Hall and Masonic Hall were taken by the Military for billets. This consequently reduced the recreational facilities of the town.

Subsequently the Holding Battalion was changed into a Training Battalion and the activities of the Military were extended to billets at Boston Spa. Later these troops left the town and the Race Course was taken over by the Pioneer Corps and the R.A.M.C. and later the R.E.

In connection with the Racecourse, much difficulty was experienced in connection with drainage and your Surveyors had many consultations with the Garrison Engineer to devise a satisfactory means of drainage for the 250 men accommodated there.

The development in agriculture in the district brought along a Womens Land Army Hostel at Kirk Deighton, which was connected to the Council's sewers.

In 1943 Wetherby Grange was converted into a Civil Defence Training School and later a Military Campsfor 750 men each were built in the Wetherby Grange Park and at Scarcroft, whilst a Prisoner of War Camp for Italians was erected at Kirk Deighton.

The Military were also in occupation at Bramham Park and Bramham Kennels from 1942 onwards.

In 1941 the demand for aerodromes brought into being the R.A.F.Station at Tockwith, which occupies an area of 640 acres. Military hospitals were established at Harewood House and Scarcroft Lodge..

Various search-lights were scattered throut the District, at Weeton, Bardsey, Clifford, Bickerton, Long Marston, Kirk Deighton and Spofforth.

The Health of the District

As may be expected, due to the great influx of persons from all over the country, there was an increase from 1942 onwards in the incidence of Zymotic Disease.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The drainage of the two hostels erected in Wetherby entailed the enlargement of the Wetherby Sewage Works by the Ministry of Works and Planning. Two additional sedimentation tanks and one additional 100 ft. filter were installed. The Hostel on the York Road was connected to the Council's sewer at the intersection of the Great North Road, the sewage from the hostel being lifted into the Council's sewer. The responsibility for this sewer and for pumping being that of the Ministry of Works and Planning. The Ministry connected Ainsty Lodge and Audby House to the Council's sewer.

The military camps at Scarcroft and Wetherby were provided with their own disposal works. The Civil Defence School was also provided with sewage disposal facilities. The R.A.F. aerodrome at Tockwith was provided with sewage disposal works outside the area of your district, in the Nidderdale R.D.

At Boston Spa the provision of the extra houses and the R.A.F. camp entailed the alteration of the Sewage Works. For the first scheme the Ministry of Works and Planning installed two sedimentation tanks and pump hose and pump to sludge out the same. Later the R.A.F. provided extra land for treatment of the sewage. The R.O.F. was provided with its own sewage disposal works and in the erection of the factory the site of the Council's works for the treatment of sewage from the Marguerite Heaton Memorial Hospital were requisitioned and the sewage from these premises is now treated at the R.O.F. Works.

Water Supplies

The water supplies of the district were maintained reasonably satisfactory, but in connection with the erection of the R.A.F. camp, application was made and the scheme sanctioned by the Ministry of Health under the Defence Regulations for the provision of an additional borehole, and pumping station at Long Marston. The design of this pumping station for reasons of Civil Defence is such that the pumps and motors are below the level of the ground. The water supply to the aerodrome was ultimately provided from boreholes sunk on the station itself.

The supply to the R.O.F. and its hostels at Wetherby, and Boston Spa is obtained from boreholes sunk at Angram in our district and Healaugh in the Tadcaster Rural District, and pumped to a reservoir on the Factory from which it gravitates to Wetherby and Boston Spa. This water is very hard and the supply to Crown property is softened.

The Wetherby District Water Co. has had great difficulty in maintaining their supplies and the high spots of the district are inadequately supplied. In April 1943 great difficulty was experienced for a fortnight due to the breakdown of pumps at their pumping station and the problem of obtaining renewals. During 1945 the supply of the Wetherby District Water Co. has been supplemented from the R.O.F. Supply but whilst improved pressure has resulted, the hardness of the water has produced serious complaints.

Civil Defence Duties

At the outbreak of war the Civil Defence Organisation was in the hands of the Barkston Ash A.R.P. Committee for the constituent areas of Garforth U.D., Tadcaster R.D., and Wetherby R.D., as a part of the County Council's scheme under the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1937.

Your Surveyor and Deputy Surveyor were responsible for the formulation and organisation of the Rescue and Decontamination Services in the District, and a Rescue Party was established at Wetherby and one at Bardsey, with one Decontamination Party at Wetherby. Subsequently Mr.H. Greaves took over the control of these parties in view of the great amount of work the Surveyor and Deputy Surveyor were required to carry out in other directions, but at the time of transfer a Cleansing Station was in course of erection at Wetherby. Your Surveyors were responsible for the organisation of an Emergency Waterworks and Sewers Repairs Party, and materials were obtained for the rapid repair of damaged mains.

Similarly, the Repair of War Damage to Property was the respon--sibility of the Surveyor's Department and a scheme was drawn up and certain materials in short supply provided to deal with repair work after a raid. It was decided to rely on the builders in the district for labour and tools.

Your Deputy Surveyor qualified as a Civil Defence Instructor and subsquently assisted in the training of Civil Defence and N.F.S. Personell and later Firewatchers.

Mortuaries.

Your Deputy Surveyor was appointed Superintendent of Mortuaries and a scheme was drawn up for the provision of emergency mortuaries to serve groups of parishes. 19 buildings were requisitioned for this purpose and a certain amount of material stocked at a central building in Wetherby to be transferred out to whichever building required to be put into use.

Gas decontamination of Food.

This organisation required a great deal of work on the part of your staff, and a Foot Treatment Centre was established at Kippax Old Hall, in the Garforth district, to serve the Barkston Ash area. The necessary party of men obtained and trained, and a scheme of mutual assistance arranged to cover a wide area.

Air Raid Shelters

10 Public Air Raid Shelters were erected, 6 at Wetherby, 2 at Boston Spa and 1 at Thorparch, by the W.R.C.C. and were subsequently transferred to the Council for maintenance. Communal surface shelters were erected at Tockwith, Wighill, Boston Spa and Thorparch and Walton, and Morrison Shelters provided within a thousand yards of the R.A.F. Station. This entailed a considerable amount of work for your Surveyors.

Emergency Petrol Supplies

For the supply of petrol to Civil Defence personnel and for the Council's normal service, 5 emergency petrol tanks were requisitioned, one at Boston Spa, one at Scarcroft and three at Wetherby. Subsequently one at Wetherby and one at Scarcroft were relinquished and at the year end (1945) your Council only retained one at Wetherby for Council's vehicl s. 27,500 gallons of petrol have been issued from these tanks.

A scheme for the Salvage of Household Goods and Property was also worked out, involving the co-operation of the local clergy.

Report Centre

In connection with all the foregoing details, it was necessary that the Surveyor and Deputy Surveyor report on every alert to the

Report Centres heads of the respective services. In the early days of the war they were called out on the receipt of a Yellow warning, later substituted as a Purple Warning, but by the end of 1942, this was reduced to reporting on an Alert.

Air Raids

Fortunately raids on the district have been sporadic and confined to single raiders and haphazard dropping of bombs. Approx--imately 50 H.E. bombs and a number of I.Bombs were dropped in various parts of the districtbut the damage was negligible, and only one slight casualty occurred in any of the raids.

In view of the threat of invasion in 1942, Invasion Committees were set up in various Parishes and much work was done in connection with the supply of alternate water supplies should the main supplies be cut off.